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The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore [Mr. INGLIS of South Carolina].

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

Washington, DC, September 27, 1996. I hereby designate the Honorable Bob Inglis to act as Speaker pro tempore on this

 $\label{eq:Newtonic} \textbf{Newt Gingrich}, \\ \textit{Speaker of the House of Representatives}.$

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Rev. James David Ford, D.D., offered the following prayer:

We are thankful, O God, that even when life seems crowded and cluttered and there are so many voices demanding attention, we can still hear Your still, small voice that calls and sustains us and makes us whole. We know that in the center of the winds of change there is the vision that You freely give—a vision of faith and hope and love—a faith that guides us in our decisions, a hope that sustains no matter what our circumstances and a love that transcends all the details of the day and allows us to receive the blessings of Your hand. In Your name, we pray. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Missouri [Mr. TALENT]

come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. TALENT led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed with amendments in which the concurrence of the House is requested, a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 3458. An act to increase, effective as of December 1, 1996, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed bills of the following

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WILLIAM M. THOMAS, Chairman.

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